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1. It was learned in December 1950 that an order from Moscow directed all Soviet officers in the Soviet Zone of Germany to learn German. A schedule will be issued for that purpose. The language course in Jena was supervised by a colonel who commanded the tank unit in Loebstedt. Several Russian-speaking German teachers were employed as instructors. The last lesson was given on 24 November. For the lesson set for 28 November, the German teachers were unexpectedly not admitted to the barracks installation. It appeared that one of the teachers had stated in his questionnaire that he was a PW in the U.S.A. and participated in vocational courses while there. Therefore the lessons in Jena were suspended and will be resumed only in January 1951, after all questionnaires are checked. Except for these language courses for officers and a company of officer candidates, who, in Zwaetzen, participate in a preparatory course for the officers school, there is no officers school in the Jena area. \*

2. The barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. One company wore blue-bordered black epaulets. Ten canvas-covered tanks stood in front of a garage on 15 December. An estimated 60 tanks were seen in the garage. Source thought that in addition to the tank unit an infantry unit might also be located in the installation. No tanks had left the installation since the return from Ohrdruf. Infantry training was being conducted near Loebnitz. Only sports activities were observed in the billeting area.

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3. The barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and tank insignia. Five armored reconnaissance cars were seen through the skylights of a motor vehicle shed. A total of ten AT guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber were in the barracks yard. Except for sports activities there was no training in the billeting area.

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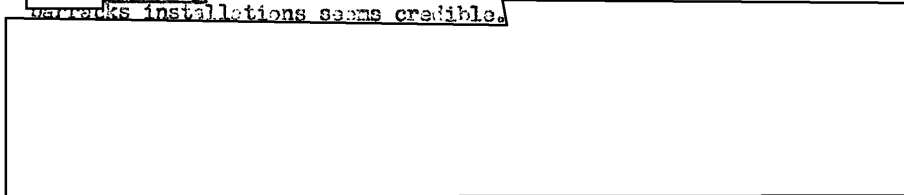
\* [redacted] Comment. A similar observation concerning German language courses was made in Frankfurt/Oder in December. [redacted]

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. The information concerning the occupation of the barracks installations seems credible.

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